

53. (Twice Amended) A security article comprising:

a visible light transmissive substrate having a first surface and an opposing second surface, the first surface having an optical interference pattern; and

a color shifting optical coating on one of the first or second surfaces of the substrate, the optical coating providing an observable discrete color shift such that the article has a first background color at a first angle of incident light or viewing and a second background color different from the first background color at a second angle of incident light or viewing, said color shifting optical coating comprising:

an absorber layer on the second surface of the substrate;

a dielectric layer on the absorber layer; and

a reflector layer on the dielectric layer;

wherein the article exhibits an optical interference effect in addition to the first and second background colors.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 18-22 and 53-57 were pending at the time of the Office Action mailed October 18, 2002. By this amendment, claims 1-6 and 8 have been cancelled, and claim 53 has been amended. Claims 9-13, 18-22 and 53-57 remain pending.